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## **NTIS Cricketer Selected for National Camp**

Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) cricket scholarship athlete Paul Carbone is set to train with some of Australia's best coaches after being selected to attend the National Wicket Keeping Camp in Brisbane from 8 - 10 September 2009.

NTIS Head Cricket Coach Shane McDermott said the three day camp is being run by the Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

"Paul will be exposed to some of Australia's best wicket keeping coaches including Ian Healy, Wade Secombe and Mark Sorrell," Mr McDermott said.

"The national camp is a great opportunity for budding cricketers to gain valuable knowledge and experience.

"NT Cricket nominated Paul to attend the camp, who at 16 years of age has dominated the Darwin and Districts Cricket Competition this season scoring 1034 runs, taking 20 catches and eight stumpings across the Under 17's and B Grade competitions.

"Paul has also been recently rewarded by his club, Tracey Village, making his debut in the A Grade side on Saturday, 15 August."

Mr McDermott said the NTIS Cricket program is going from strength to strength with new coaching initiatives, high quality performance enhancement services and world class facilities.

"Paul is in his second year of scholarship at the NTIS and has excelled in his commitment to the program," Mr McDermott said.

"Paul will also be looking to play a leadership role in this year's NT Under 17 team, while also vying for a spot in the NT Under 19 team which will add to his portfolio of achievements so far in his young cricketing career.

"This is just a small stepping stone for Paul and exposure at such a young age will hold him in good stead for the future.

He has a bright future ahead of him and I hope that this can assist with his goals of following in the footsteps of his favourite cricketer, Adam Gilchrist, former vice-captain of the Australian cricket team and a leading wicket keeper."

The NTIS is the Northern Territory Government's centre of sporting excellence for the identification, development and support of the Territory's talented athletes.

"Cameron Francis, Kane Richardson and Ken Skewes are recent NTIS scholarship holders who have progressed through the Northern Territory pathway and are now representing South Australia at Cricket Australia Cup and First Class levels," Mr McDermott said.

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**Media Note – to arrange an interview / photo opportunity with Paul contact NTIS Coach Shane McDermott on 8922 6807 or 0401 118 476**

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